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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF: Dazhi CHEN *et al.*
SERIAL NO.: 09/461,336
FILING DATE: December 15, 1999
ART UNIT: 3627
EXAMINER: B. JAKETIC
FOR: System and Method For Reducing Excess Capacity for Restaurants and Other Industries During Off-Peak or Other Times

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth below.

Applicants present a **clean version** of all pending claims in **Attachment A**.

Please amend claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11-14, 16-19, 23-26, 28-32, 35-41, 44, 47, 49, 51, 57-61, 63, 64, 66, 67, 70-72, 74, 75, 77, 85, 87-90, 93-95, 99, 102, 103, 116, 118-121, 124-126, 130 as follows:

1. A method for reducing excess capacity during non-peak demand periods for a service business that experiences periods of peak demands for service and periods of non-peak demands

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